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**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY**

(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Cont. No. I Basis of the opinion
- Cont. No. II Priority
- Cont. No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Cont. No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Cont. No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Cont. No. VI Certain documents cited
- Cont. No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Cont. No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Continuation No. I

Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed.

Continuation No. V

Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-19	YES
	Claims ----	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1-19	YES
	Claims ----	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-19	YES
	Claims ----	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

D1 and D2 disclose handover control methods which use the identifier of the previous base station for the handover procedure. The most distinguishing feature of the present specification is that the identifier of the previous base station is transmitted directly to the target station and not via a base station control apparatus (D1) or a transfer device (D2). Therefore, and with respect to the achieved effects the present specification is not anticipated by the doctrines of D1 and D2.

D3 and D4 show further handover methods of a mobile station in a data network. Said documents fail to recognise the problem of a handover decision based on the previous base station identifier. Therefore, said documents describe a state of the art comparable to that mentioned in the introduction of the application.

Accordingly, the subject matter of independent claims 1, 2, 3, 9, 13 and 16 is considered to be new and to involve an inventive step.

The dependent claims concern advantageous features, by the virtue of dependency. Industrial applicability is given.
